

2003-2004 Budget Highlights

Infrastructure and Overhead

- ❖ **VEHICLE MANAGEMENT SYSTEM** – \$30 million in the internal service fund in the Non-departmental budget, for vehicles for General Fund agencies including Fire, Police, DPW, Recreation and PLD.
- ❖ **PLD BONDS** – \$6.8 million to modernize light poles, residential street lighting and substations.
- ❖ **DETROIT ZOO BONDS** – \$2.2 million in bonds for exhibits and infrastructure.
- ❖ **DETROIT INSTITUTE OF ARTS BONDS** – \$6.9 million in bonds and investments earnings for improvements.
- ❖ **RECREATION BONDS** – \$8.4 million in bonds for the Belle Isle Nature Zoo, Comfort Station, and various improvements in landscaping and recreational facilities.
- ❖ **WRIGHT MUSEUM OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN HISTORY BONDS** – \$4 million in bonds for the core exhibit.
- ❖ **PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT BONDS** – \$7 million for Brush Park Project Redevelopment Area.
- ❖ **HEALTH DEPARTMENT BONDS** – \$1 million for improvements at the Herman Kiefer Complex.
- ❖ **AIRPORT BONDS** – \$500,000 for land acquisition under Phase III of the Mini-take.
- ❖ **EMPLOYEE TRAVEL REDUCTIONS** – 50% reduction in budget for General Fund employees.

Mayoral Program Priorities

- ❖ **FIRE DEPARTMENT “ECHO UNIT”** – 16 positions for Emergency Medical Services “Echo Unit”, to increase response time and reduce burden on critical care units.
- ❖ **800 MEGA-HERTZ RADIO SYSTEM FOR PUBLIC SAFETY** – 60% of \$50 million project cost in Detroit Water and Sewerage Department budget, and 40% shared by Police, Planning and Development, Fire and Public Works Departments. This system will provide adequate interagency emergency capabilities in accordance with FCC policy.
- ❖ **DEMOLITION** – \$8.9 million in Block Grants for major building demolition.
- ❖ **REDEPLOYMENT OF BUILDING AND SAFETY ENGINEERING INSPECTORS** – Nineteen inspectors will enforce the proposed Property Maintenance Code.
- ❖ **MUNICIPAL CIVIL INFRACTIONS** – \$1 million revenue in BSE Property Maintenance Division and \$2.9 million revenue in DEA Environmental Enforcement Division for municipal civil infractions code violations, including a newly-proposed Property Maintenance Code.
- ❖ **SIX NEW POSITIONS IN LAW DEPARTMENT COLLECTIONS UNIT** – to provide aggressive collections of Solid Waste, Zoning, and Property Maintenance code violations through creation of a garnishment unit.

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- ❖ OUTSIDE COLLECTION AGENCY – \$24 million in delinquent income tax and property tax revenue from a collection agency contract to pursue over \$100 million in past due accounts.
 - ❖ TRANSFER OF NONPARK, FORESTRY (14 POSITIONS) FROM RECREATION – Responsibility for tree maintenance and grass cutting on greenbelts, neighborhood berms and boulevards to DPW, who already maintain streets and vacant lots.
 - ❖ GRANTS ACQUISITION OFFICE (2 POSITIONS) – new staff to develop the relationships and expertise to identify, pursue and secure grants, ultimately saving General Fund money and introducing service innovation.
 - ❖ PROGRAM MANAGEMENT OFFICE (3 POSITIONS) – Centralized project oversight and management services to promote fiscal accountability, timely project completion and reengineering.
- Necessary Measures**
- ❖ DEBT RESTRUCTURING – \$85 million in General Fund savings.
 - ❖ PAY RAISE FOR ALL EMPLOYEES (\$30 million) – supporting a favorable outcome to negotiations and arbitration.
 - ❖ POSITION CHANGES – 739 fewer positions in 2003-04, including layoffs.
 - ❖ REDUCED SUBSIDY TO BSE ENTERPRISE FUND – Reduced city subsidy (\$800,000) is planned for the fund, established in 2002-03 under Michigan PA 249 of 1999.
 - ❖ FEDERAL AND STATE GRANTS – increase of \$1.98 million in Human Services Head Start programs.
 - ❖ INCOME TAX REVENUE REDUCTION – \$23.1 million less in income tax collections, based on the economy and the rate roll-back schedule.
 - ❖ DOSSIN MUSEUM – open only for weekends and special events this summer, saving \$234,000.
 - ❖ DOT SUBSIDY – reduced to \$70.5 million due to debt restructuring.
 - ❖ INCREASED CONTRIBUTION TO POLICE/FIRE PENSION FUND (\$75 million) – due to poor market conditions.
 - ❖ INCREASED CONTRIBUTION TO GENERAL RETIREMENT SYSTEM (\$13 million) – due to 26% increase in actuarial computed normal cost.